MB Docket No. 04-233 Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rule Making

April 21, 2008

The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th, SW
Washington, DC 20554
Attention: Chief, Media Bureau

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Dear Ms. Desai,

I am in opposition of FCC proposed regulations that would, among other things, require community advisory boards, require additional staffing, and give priority to new Low Power FM stations, ultimately violating First Ammendment rights. In a society characterized by violence, disillusionment, selfishness, power, and greed, Christian radio offers the message of God's love through His Son, Jesus. Such love transforms individual lives, families, and communities and results in an environment where creativity, productivity and compassion thrive. Do not destroy this vital avenue of hope. You have no right to defy the freedoms that were the foundation upon which our country was founded. This proposed interference will lead to devastating consequences.

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FCC-MAILROOM

Dear Sir:

It has recently come to my attention that your board is considering some rather serious changes to the rules which would impact my local Christian radio station. I have been listening to K-Love Radio for about ten years. The music is uplifting and "family friendly", which is a rare thing these days. K-Love is a listener supported station and I appreciate that I don't have commercial interruptions. The station supports my Christian beliefs and I really enjoy the programming they afford me and my family.

That is why I am surprised, and shall I add, shocked that the FCC would take the approach that an outside board would have the responsibility to "advise" our radio station and need to approve of their programming. Come on . . . where are our first amendment rights in all this? Isn't this America, where we are assured of religious freedom? It is almost laughable when you consider the filth that is carried over many radio and TV stations, in the name of entertainment. This deeply concerns me, along with the other proposals you are putting forth.

I would strongly urge you to reconsider your position.

Sincerely,

John & Kaken Bakos



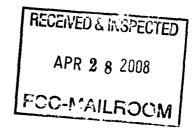
what matters."

April 21, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 04-233

Dear Ms. Dortch:



The United Way of Siouxland has been a part of making the Sioux City area a better place to live for 87 years. Working with local agencies, businesses and organizations, the United Way of Siouxland has successfully pooled resources to address community needs.

The broadcast media in our community has been an integral part of our collaborative efforts to improve lives. Local stations like KTIV, KCAU, and KMEG have willingly shared their resources to get the message out to the community concerning our annual campaign or volunteer recruitment. In addition they broadcast news stories and PSA's to improve understanding of local issues behind community initiatives such as reducing the achievement gap in our schools, or improving financial stability for families. Furthermore, we enjoy "hands-on" involvement from station personnel serving on local nonprofit boards, being members of service clubs like Rotary and Sertoma, or volunteering in other capacities to benefit our community. We truly feel the broadcast media in the Sioux City area does an excellent job of connecting with our community.

That is why I am personally writing you to express my belief that additional federal regulation of local stations concerning local programming and involvement is not necessary. I fear additional regulations may add another layer of bureaucracy that could ultimately hinder the good working relationships we have developed with all broadcast media serving our community.

Respectfully yours,

Tim B Stiles, President United Way of Siouxland The Secretary-Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 Attn: Chief, Media Bureau.

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Re: MB Docket 04-233: Please stop rules that violate First Amendment-Rights-from-being-enacted

Dear FCC Media Bureau Chief:

I, Michael Everson, submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the "NPRM"), released Jan. 24, 2008, in **MB Docket No. 04-233**.

Any new FCG rules policies or procedures must not violate First Amendment rights. A number of proposals discussed in the NPRM, if enacted, would do so – and must not be adopted.

- (1) The FCC must not force radio stations, especially religious broadcasters, to take advice from people who do not share their values. The NPRM's proposed advisory board proposals would impose such unconstitutional mandates. Religious broadcasters who resist advice from those who don't share their values could race increased manassment, complaints and even loss of license for choosing to follow their own consciences, rather than allowing incompatible wie vipolitis to shape their programming. The First Amendment prohibits government, including the FCC, from dictating what viewpoints a broadcaster, particularly a religious broadcaster, must present.
- (2) The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone and everyone have rights to air time. Proposed public access requirements would do so even if a religious broadcaster conscientiously objects to the message. The First Amendment forbids imposition of message delivery mandates on any religion.
- (3) The FCC must not force revelation of specific editorial decision-making information. The choice of programming, especially religious programming, is not properly dictated by any government agency and proposals to force reporting on such things as who produced what programs would intrude on constitutionally-protected editorial choices.
- (4) The FCC must not establish a two-tiered renewal system in which certain licensees would be automatically barred from routine renewal application processing. The proposed mandatory special renewal review of certain classes of applicants by the Commissioners themselves would amount to coefficion of feligious broadcasters. Those who stay true to their consciences and present only the messages they comespond to their beliefs could face long, expensive and potentially ruinous renewal proceedings.
- (5) Many Christian broadcasters operate on tight budgets, as do many smaller market secular stations. Keeping the electricity flowing is often a challenge. Yet, the Commission proposes to further squeeze niche and smaller market broadcasters, by substantially raising costs in two ways: (a) by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air and; (b) by further restricting main studio location choices. Raising costs with these proposals would force service cutbacks and curtailed service is contrary to the public interests.

l'urge the FCC not to adopt rules, procedures or policies discussed above.

Singerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently read about the proposed rule change (MB Docket No. 04-233) that could force smaller market radio stations to hire more staff and probably relocate facilities.

As someone who spends much time at home listening to radio, this gives me great concern as it looks directly to have an impact on the local stations.

WJIB is a station which plays music that's a little "older", and on the weekends plays music from the 30s-60s. Bob Bittner is the man who runs the station. He does it on a shoestring budget, and has amassed a nice following. If we have a question on music or want to request something, we can e-mail him or write a letter. He responds immediately. For him, this is a labor of love.

These new regulations would be prohibitively expensive for this locally run station. In fact, he probably wouldn't be able to continue operating it.

I don't know if this proposal is being drawn as a concession to unions, but I would ask that you consider the people stations like WJIB benefit – the consumer.

Radio is one of the few free simple pleasures we have left. Please do not over-regulate it to the point of extinction.

Thanks you for "listening."

Sincerely,

Barbara Lazar



Somerset County **Drug-Free Communities**

April 18, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary **Federal Communications Commission** 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 04-233

Report on Broadcast Localism & Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Dortch.

I serve as the Public Relations & Communications Chair of the Somerset County Drug-Free Communities Coalition as well as the Chief Professional Officer of a local non-profit organization serving children ages 6-18 years of age. The coalition was formed to raise awareness to the dangers of drugs and alcohol to our area's young people. One of the major accomplishments has been to conduct countywide youth surveys within our eleven school districts. The survey indicates children as young as 6th grade are or have tried using alcohol. The reality is alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly as kids get older. And, according to the US Dept. of Health & Human Services, a large percentage of young people who start drinking before the age of 15 don't stop with alcohol. They will do on to try an illicit drug. These are life-altering, destructive decisions our children are making.

Within the past three years, we've conducted two Town Hall meetings introducing the latest Youth Survey results, with panelists demonstrating outcomes, and high school students who are against underage drinking. Our local TV station, WJAC-TV, Channel 6, Johnstown, PA has most generously supported these efforts by serving as our media sponsor. WJAC-TV has provided two station reporters to act as event moderators, and thousand of dollars worth of PSA's announcing the events, follow-up reports, and special programming. We thank them for their participation and continued support of our efforts. Community events such as this would not be possible without their generosity and community support. We would not be able to reach the thousands of residents without their support of our call to action. Their continuing efforts on our behalf enable Somerset County to move forward with a comprehensive and coordinated prevention program that truly has impact.

The new FCC rules could harm, not help WJAC-TV's efforts to support our community's needs. Our organization has an open and effective working relationship with the station that assists us in serving the needs of the public and most importantly, our children - our future. Mandates are not necessary as WJAC-TV programming is responsive to our needs, the needs of the community and the region.

WJAC-TV consistently serves not only our organization but also numerous others within the region. They provide relevant and valuable local news, PSA's, weather and emergency information, public affairs programming, political programming, and community outreach, plus so much more. Please take these important comments into consideration, for without the local broadcast efforts WJAC-TV. Channel 6 provides, our organization would not be in a position to present the mission of our organization to the community.

Susan Hankinson

Public Relations & Communications Chair

Somerset County Drug Free Communities Coalition